



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:  
Inventor(s): Nelsen, Henrik K., et al.  
Appln. No.: 09/195,533

Group Art Unit 2877  
Examiner: R. Rosenberger  
Atty. Dkt. 81208-246275

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed: November 18, 1998  
Title: DETECTION SYSTEM FOR NANOMETER  
SCALE TOPOGRAPHIC MEASUREMENTS  
OF REFLECTIVE SURFACES

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 29, 2001

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).**

**Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) fee must be enclosed**

This application is entitled under Rule to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith or before the new action is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following in before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☐ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA
- ☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed

(Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975)

(Our Order No. 81208 / 024-6275 )  
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NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED**

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**This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.**

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